GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1153
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FOREST RIGHT ACT
Maharia Shri Subhash

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the atrocities are being committed on the tribals of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Orissa in the name of evacuation of forest land;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has received a complaint, alleging evacuation of the tribals and forest dwellers from the land being cultivated by them prior to 13.12.2005, by the Forest Department of the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. As the complaint was against the action of the State Forest Departments, the same was forwarded to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for necessary action. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has informed that they had requested the State Governments for not evicting tribals from forest lands till their rights are verified. The Governments of Rajasthan and Gujarat have replied that they are not evicting tribals and also not committing atrocities against them.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any complaint alleging atrocities being committed on the tribals of Chhatisgarh and Orissa in the name of evacuation of forest land.